

... if there is something wrong with them). Told her that I had to visit him because I had heard that he is very depressed and therefore a friendly visit might cheer him up a little.

Sent by bus to the Kaimanhus Cot where I found ROZIS at Block 20 B. Recalled him immediately though had seen him 12 years ago while in Riga and - because of the difference in our age - had not become acquainted with him then. He did not recall me anymore though remembers my last name (he and my father are of the same student fraternity "Jelensis"). At first he was rather reserved, almost antagonistic toward me but soon I succeeded to make him feel at ease. He seemed to be a stretched man; of the once so handsome and tall lad now there had remained a physical wreck who often was overcome by coughing spells. He stated that he does not suffer of TB but has only a severe bronchitis. He avoided to mention that he had been put in this institution for excessive drinking (or I heard later from other Latvians, too, that it had been the case). He seemed to be extremely sensitive and often was near crying, suffered obviously by selfpity. Had divorced his wife who lived now with their children in Dr. Witton. Some years ago ROZIS had served with a Latvian Labor Service Company in Kaiserlautern but did not like there because of the dull life there and the indulgence in intoxicants there by the men. He did not mention his correspondence with his relatives in Latvia nor state his political convictions but I got the definite impression that he has no intentions to go back to Latvia; by some remarks I saw that he is still quite aware of the Communist danger, i.e. he wanted to sell a valuable painting from his father's collection ("Egg" by MICHAEL JACOBI) but would not put it on ad in the Latvian newspapers for this offer since then the Soviets would possibly know in whose hands this painting is now and could cause difficulties for ROZIS (he did not mention the kind of difficulties but it seemed that ROZIS was not sure whether his relatives in Latvia won't be pressed to object to such deal as concerned). On the other hand ROZIS showed great interest in business projects - had thought that it would be very profitable to open a self-service laundry with 5000 washers; mentioned that he

...in Europe; that is, ...
...in 1978. He thought he could ...
...only could sell a/b painting ...
...I even did not try to ...
...start with him a conversation which would give some clue as to his alleged intentions ...
...of registration since I felt (great pity for him (when I later reported orally ...
...to GERTZ this case the latter agreed, too, that it seems a hopeless case and that ...
...apparently false rumors had been spread as to his intentions; to my surprise ...
...GERTZ agreed also that it would be morally unjustifiable to recruit such broken ...
...can for operational service - this made us feel much better). ^{After} our visiting, ...
...which lasted for two hours, I received a very kind letter from ROSE who stated that ...
...my unexpected visit had cheered him up quite a lot and he expressed his deep grati- ...
...tude (it might be again my imagination but it seemed later that my visit had ...
...been a turning point in ROSE's miserable life - the following week he stated that ...
...he had improved radically as to his health and appearance).

Returned in time to Hamburg to meet PAUL (had previously sent him a letter from ...
...Paris announcing my arrival). First we had ^{some beer} ~~drinks~~ at "Holstenhaus" across the ...
...Hauptbahnhof but some of the guests there seemed to pay too great attention to ...
...our conversation (PAUL still could not control his loud voice ^{consciously}) therefore I proposed to try out some other place which ...
...also for our future meetings and on PAUL's suggestion we went to "Holstenhaus" ...
...house" across the Dammtor 28 station. It was rather crowded but we found that the bar ...
...upstairs was almost deserted for most of the time; we could hear the ...
...uninterrupted talk of not the bar maid who was very beautiful and enjoyed to ...
...in our chatter. It came out that she is the first day on this job, had ...
...half an hour ago and I wondered whether all this was only coincidence since she ...
...was completely inexperienced as to the drinks she had to serve - and ...
...before we had talked rather loudly about going to this place. Since ...
...of importance to report I decided to test him on his alleged drinking ...